(f) Government are convinced that a" outstanding issues with Pakistan could be resolved peacefully and through negotiations. Government have, in this sprit, repeatedly conveyed to Pakistan in the recent period our readiness to hold talks, formally or informally. We are dis. appointed that a positive response is net available so far from Pakistan, We would pursue our proposal of a constructive dialogue with Pakistan at every opportunity.

Nuclear Test by China

46. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR B1RLA: Will the Minister of EXTER NAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has conducted its third nuclear test recently even having signd the NPT some years back; and

(b) if so, what is thereaction of Government with regard thereto particularly in the context of building up nuclear

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNA!. AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. *m*

- (b) India has consistently advocated the urgent need for a universal Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. It remains our hope that all nuclear weapon and non-nuclear weapon states can work together to negotiate such a treaty. India considers a CTBT an integral part of its proposals for nuclear disarmament and the establishment of a nuclear-weapch. free-world.

Options given by Pakistan to Resolve Kashmir Issue

47. SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Wiffll the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the attention of' Government has bee? ctawn to the news item published in the Indian Express of 24th November, 1994 under the caption 'Pakistan has six different ways of solving Kashmir issue"; anj

(b) if so, what is Government's teac-tion in respect thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LXTCRNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Government have seen, the news item in the "Indian Express" of November 24, 1994 and subsequent press reports of clarificatory statements and denials by Pak officials.

(b) Government have repeatedly conveyed to Pakistan its readi'.iess to resolve all outstanding issues between the t'vo countries, including differences relating to J & K, peacefully and through bila-I era! negotiations "within the ram?work of the Simla Agreement.

La ii ROL e to Gulf Countries v'a pak staii

48. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of EXTEfe NAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land-route to Gulf-countries via Pakistan is not being, opened due to lack of political will, that is hwing adverse bearing on eeo nomy of the country; anil

(b) if so, whether that will be opened and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No. Sir, There is no such proposa!.

(b) Does not arise.

iplo:uatic Role by Indian Ambassador in Nepal

49. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Govern-[ment has been drawn into the alec-a-tion that our Ambassador in Nepal had played partisan role in the recent general elections in that country;